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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System ("e-Manifest") Advisory Board; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: There will be a three (3) day meeting of the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System ("e-Manifest") Advisory Board to consider and advise the Agency about the initial launch of the e-Manifest System (Meeting Theme: *"Implementing e-Manifest: User Registration and Account Activation"*).

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 26-28, 2017, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

Comments. The Agency encourages written comments be submitted on or before September 12, 2017, and requests for oral comments be submitted on or before September 19, 2017. However, written comments and requests to make oral comments may be submitted until the date of the meeting, but anyone submitting written comments after September 19, 2017, should contact the

Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT. For additional instructions, see section I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Webcast. This meeting may be webcast. Please refer to the e-Manifest website at <https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-system-e-manifest> for information on how to access the webcast. Please note that the webcast is a supplementary public

service provided only for convenience. If difficulties arise resulting in webcasting outages, the meeting will continue as planned.

Special accommodations. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities,

and to request accommodation of a disability, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR**

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting:* The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency Conference Center, Lobby Level, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA 22202.

Comments. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2017-0368 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (e.g., on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full the EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Jenkins, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may be of particular interest to persons who are or may be subject to the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment (e-Manifest) Act.

B. How May I Participate in this Meeting?

You may participate in this meeting by following the instructions in this document. To ensure proper receipt of your public comments by the EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number EPA-HQ-OLEM-2017-0368.

1. *Written comments.* The Agency encourages written comments be submitted electronically via regulations.gov, using the instructions in the **ADDRESSES** *Comments* section on or before September 12, 2017, to provide the e-Manifest Advisory Board the time necessary to consider and review the written comments. Written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting, but anyone submitting written comments after September 12, 2017, should contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Anyone submitting written comments at the meeting should bring fifteen (15) copies for distribution to the e-Manifest Advisory Board.

2. *Oral comments.* The Agency encourages each individual or group wishing to make brief oral comments to the e-Manifest Advisory Board to submit their request to the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** on or before September 19, 2017, in order to

be included on the meeting agenda. Requests to present oral comments will be accepted until the date of the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the Chair of the e-Manifest Advisory Board may permit the presentation of oral comments at the meeting by interested persons who have not previously requested time. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) that the individual represents, and any requirements for audiovisual equipment. Oral comments before the e-Manifest Advisory Board are limited to approximately five (5) minutes unless prior arrangements have been made. In addition, each speaker should bring fifteen (15) copies of his or her comments and presentation for distribution to the e-Manifest Advisory Board at the meeting.

3. *Seating at the meeting.* Seating at the meeting will be open and on a first-come basis.

C. Purpose of the e-Manifest Advisory Board

The Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Advisory Board is established in accordance with the provisions of the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act, 42 U.S.C. 6939g, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2. The e-Manifest Advisory Board is in the public interest and supports the Environmental Protection Agency in performing its duties and responsibilities.

The e-Manifest Advisory Board will provide recommendations on matters related to the operational activities, functions, policies, and regulations of the EPA under the e-Manifest Act, including:

- The effectiveness of the e-Manifest IT system and associated user fees and processes;
- Matters and policies related to the e-Manifest program;
- Regulations and guidance as required by the e-Manifest Act;
- Actions to encourage the use of the electronic (paperless) system;

- Changes to the user fees as described in e-Manifest Act Section 2 (c)(3)(B)(i); and
- Issues in the e-Manifest area, including those identified in the EPA's E-Enterprise strategy that intersect with the e-Manifest system, such as:
 - Business-to-business communications;
 - Performance standards for mobile devices; and
 - The EPA's Cross Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) requirements.

The sole duty of the Advisory Board is to provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator. As required by the e-Manifest Act, the e-Manifest Advisory Board will be composed of nine (9) members. One (1) member will be the EPA Administrator (or a designee), who will serve as Chairperson of the Advisory Board. The rest of the committee will be composed of:

- At least two (2) members who have expertise in information technology;
- At least three (3) members who have experience in using or represent users of the manifest system to track the transportation of hazardous waste under the e-Manifest Act;
- At least three (3) members who will be state representatives responsible for processing e-manifests.

All members of the e-Manifest Advisory Board, with the exception of the EPA Administrator, will be appointed as Special Government Employees or representatives.

D. Public Meeting

The EPA is on schedule to launch the hazardous waste electronic manifest (e-Manifest) system in June 2018. Manifest users who intend to track their hazardous waste shipments electronically or access manifest data from the e-Manifest system should register with the EPA prior to system launch. The EPA will hold a three-day Federal Advisory Committee meeting on September 26-

28, 2017, to address user registration and account activation issues that need resolution prior to launching the e-Manifest system. Specifically, the Advisory Board will provide recommendations to the EPA on the process the EPA should use to register and activate user accounts and electronic signature agreements (ESAs) for the e-Manifest System.

E. e-Manifest Advisory Board Documents and Meeting Minutes

The EPA's background paper, related supporting materials, charge/questions to the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board roster (i.e., members attending this meeting), and the meeting agenda will be available by approximately late August 2017. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available at <http://www.regulations.gov> and the e-Manifest Advisory Board website at:

<https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-system-e-manifest>.

The e-Manifest Advisory Board will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the Agency approximately ninety (90) days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the e-Manifest Advisory Board website or may be obtained from the docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Dated: June 15, 2017.

Barnes Johnson, Director

Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery

Office of Land and Emergency Management

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